

Allegan Township Board Meeting
March 2, 2020
7:30 PM

- I. Call to Order
 - A. Pledge and Invocation

- II. Roll Call
 - A. Supervisor Steve Schulz, Clerk Linda Evans, Trustee Jim Connell, Trustee Mike Bender and Treasurer Jane Waanders were present.

- III. Approve Minutes of February 3, 2020, February 10, 2020 and February 24 Regular Meetings
 - A. Connell/Bender made motion to approve with minutes standing approved as read.

- IV. Reports
 - A. Professional Code Inspectors (PCI), Building Inspector
 - 1. Report had not yet been received.
 - B. Ted Heckman, Board of Appeals
 - 1. At last meeting several people were sworn in, officers were elected for 2020 and minutes from December's meeting were approved.
 - C. Ted Heckman, Planning Commission Chairman
 - 1. Meeting next Monday will look at two rezonings.
 - D. Max Thiele, County Commissioner
 - 1. Commissioners voted 6-1 to become a second amendment sanctuary county.
 - 2. There will be a proposal on an upcoming ballot to increase levy from 4.7 mills which has been on the books from 1965 to 5.7 for additional personnel.
 - 1. Boy Scout Troop in Plainwell will come and "retrieve non-serviceable flags to conduct honorable disposal ceremonies."
 - 4. Provided a coronavirus guidance handout.
 - 5. Provided survey from Allegan County regarding facets of community livability.
 - E. Linda Teeter, Director of Allegan County Legal Assistance Center
 - 1. In January and February 492 people were assisted; 38 from Allegan Township regarding issues of child support, custody, divorce, etc...
 - 2. She has implemented a rigid training for the volunteers.
 - 3. The Center was started in 2012 to help people by answering questions and providing forms.
 - F. Other Reports
 - 1. Fire District – Steve
 - a. There were 15 incidents in December to bring 2019 total to 400.

- b. 57 hours were spent for meeting and training with the department also participating in three family Christmas “adopt-a-family” events.

V. Public Comment

- A. There was none.

VI. Old Business

A. Budget Hearing

1. Supervisor Schulz closed regular meeting at 7:50 PM to conduct public hearing on proposed budget.
2. It was noted for the General Fund the grant funds for Safe Routes to School (SRTS) project go to the City and bid has just been awarded to Milbocker for just under the \$650,000 grant with City and Township to split engineering costs with approx. 60% for Township and 40% for City.
3. Salaries went up 2% based on what Allegan County does.
4. ACCTV stands for Allegan County Cities, Townships and Villages which will meet Monday, March 30th, at 7:00 PM with several guests as well as county reports.
5. Building Improvements/Maintenance will address the flat roof this year.
6. Township is considering a school resource officer as a citizen has interest in giving \$100,000 which would be split out over five years with township, city and school providing the remainder.
7. Township’s generator needs to be replaced after twenty years with it noted our facility is the go-to-place for residents of Allegan County Medical Community in case they should be without power for an extended time.
8. CDARS is our former CD (certificates of deposit) program which state Approves for us to invest our money in which is insured by the FDIC.
9. Road Fund’s big project this year is the 113th Avenue which was not completed last year due to weather.
10. Miner Lake will do water testings in the spring to determine what their treatments will be for this year with their funds coming from residents who have just completed a five year tax assessment.
11. Capital Projects is for paving of private roads which is an assessment on those residents’ taxes.
12. Sewer Fund doesn’t anticipate anyone hooking up this year and only income is the city paying to township a quarterly revenue from the Township hookups.
13. Capital Improvement Fund has monies available for bigger projects which is right now Riverview Estates paving which is also an assessment on those residents’ taxes.
14. Recreation Fund will pay for engineering for SRTS which gives walkable sidewalks for kids for both middle school and high school in our

township.

a. It also pays for the five foot shoulders on our road projects.

15. Tax Fund shows amount of money collected and where it is dispersed with Treasurer Waanders pointing out we only get a small portion for General, Road, Public Safety and Fire Equipment of the entire amount collected.

16. The public hearing closed at 8:38 PM.

B. Leaf Pickup for 2020

1. Clerk Evans explained there are only two free clean-ups per resident and as there were few who called in the spring, it was decided those people who might call could be referred to the companies who pick leaves up for us and each resident then would have two free ones for the fall.

2. It was also noted that after the two in the fall, the residents then would need to call the companies.

VII. New Business

A. Road Work for 2020

1. 113th Avenue will be completed, with shoulders, for \$350,000.

2. \$216,000 also will be spent on other road projects including resurfacing 28th Street as well as crack seal as well as sharing gravel expenses for 24th Street with Watson Township and 36th Street with Valley Township.

B. State Revenue (Nov & Dec 2018 - \$63,987.00) (Nov & Dec 2019 - \$65,496.00)

VIII. Pay Bills

A. General Fund

1. \$2,085.45 was submitted for payment with Waanders/Connell making motion to approve which passed with an aye vote.

IX. Correspondence

A. There was none.

X. Adjourn

A. Waanders/Connell made motion to adjourn with meeting closing at 8:45 PM.